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of the 12th Border Guard Brigade

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a report dealing with the order of battle of the 4th Battalion, located at Rozvadov, of the 12th Border Guard Brigade at Plana. The report includes information on the organization of the unit, weapons available, equipment and vehicles available, means of communications, and personalities. The location of certain installations is pinpointed on an accompanying map section in the scale of 1:25,000.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA**Military/Political**Order of Battle of 4th Battalion, ROZVADOV, of 12th Frontier Guard Brigade at PLANA1. Battalion [REDACTED]

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a) The 4th Frontier Guard Battalion, ROZVADOV, is subordinate to the 12th Brigade, PLANA, near MARLANSKE LAZNE, which has four Battalions and nineteen Companies; [REDACTED]

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b) The Battalion has the following units:

HQ and Staff, about 15 officers and 20 regular NCOs

Reserve Company - about 70 men

M/T Platoon - 12 men

Mounted Platoon - 15 men

Signals Platoon - 20 men

Medical section - 1 doctor and 1 nurse

15th Company, HRANICE, guarding a sector 3,860 m. long from boundary stone $\frac{25}{4}$ to stone $\frac{28}{5}$ Strength 45 men, including officers and 1 regular NCO.

16th Company, Na kopecku, guarding the sector from boundary stone $\frac{28}{5}$ to the ROZVADOV - WÄLDHAUS main road. Strength 38, including officers.

17th Company, guarding the smallest sector in the Brigade, about 1,700 m. long, running South of the ROZVADOV - WÄLDHAUS road. It numbers 25, including officers.

18th Company.

19th Company; this Company's sector adjoins the POBEZOVICE Brigade's sector in the DIANA area.

2. Weapon strength

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a) Standard armament is the self-loading model 52 7.62 mm rifle and the model 24 7.62 mm machine carbino. The first year are armed with rifles

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only, except for dog trainers, who have machine carbines. The Brigade has therefore about 800 of each weapon.

- b) Officers and NCOs are armed with model 52 7.62 mm pistols.
- c) Each Company has 4 anti-tank guns, but the ammunition for these is always stored at Battalion HQ.
- d) Each company also has 4 LMGs, model 52, calibre 7.62 mm, 1 HMG, GORYONOV, 7.62 mm, and 10 flare pistols.
- e) With each Company there is a stock of about 6,000 rounds of 7.62 mm. ammunition for HMG, 4,000 for LMG and a further 4,000 for machine carbine.
- f) Also in store are knives, spare magazines and machine gun belts.
- g) Ammunition is distributed from Brigade HQ, only that for the anti-tank gun being with the Battalion. Four projectiles are issued to the Company for each A/T gun in exceptional circumstances only; for instance, this type of ammunition was issued during the Hungarian uprising.

3. Equipment, vehicles etc

- a) Each Company has 10 field telephones, folding portable type.
- b) Each member of the Frontier Guard has a gas mask of the latest Czechoslovak type, all rubber and covering the whole head, and a cape, gloves and leggings for protection against radio-activity. This latter equipment is in store at Company HQ.
- c) Vehicles include six cars, 2 of which are civilian vehicles, SKODA TUDOR and SKODA SEDAN, and four SKODA TUDOR jeeps; 1 T.T.R.A. 111 [] and one JAWA 250 cc motorcycle for the despatch rider.

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- d) The 4th Battalion Mounted Platoon has 12 horses, 8 riding horses and 4 cart horses, and the number attached to each Company varies from 2 to 6.

4. Means of communication

- a) Communication between the Battalion and the individual Companies is probably by telephone, and each Company is also in communication with its two neighbouring Companies. Each Company has a telephone switchboard with 32 lines, for field telephones. The main telephone exchange is at Battalion HQ and the Brigade communicates through the Battalion.
- b) Where unusual or emergency measures are required communication is by radio transmitter/receiver, the maximum range of which is 15 km. Each

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Company has two short-wave sets for communication within the Company or with neighbouring companies.

c) The despatch rider and Mounted ^{Section} are also used for communications.

5. Personalities

a) Battalion CO: Captain TOMAJER, fmu,

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b) Chief of Staff: Captain Vaclav TICHY,

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c) Head of training: Captain DOLCH, Juraj,

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d) QM: Senior Lieutenant NIKL, fmu,

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e) Chief of Military Intelligence: Senior Lieutenant LUNACEK, Vladimir,

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f) 2nd Section (Security) Officer: Lieutenant BOUDA, fmu,

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g) CO of Reserve Company: Senior Lieutenant PROVAZNIK, Vladimir,

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Brigade officers

h) Brigade CO: Major EGERSMAJER, fnu,

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i) CO of General Duties Platoon: Lieutenant MICEK, fnu,

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j) CO of Brigade Reserve Company: Senior Lieutenant CERVENY, fnu,

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k) Chief of Brigade Political Section: Captain POKORNY, fnu,

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l) M/T Company CO: Lieutenant BOHAC, fnu,

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m) CO of CHODOVA PLANA training centre: Captain LANSKY, fnu,

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6. Key to map

1) HQ and Staff of 4th Battalion, with ammunition store, in a two-storaged building 40 x 20 m, on the East side of the road, opposite the /church.....

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- 2) Quarters for Reserve Company, Signals and motor transport section, etc, in two wooden huts, on the East side of No. 1, about 20 x 15 m, white-washed and looking like masonry.
- 3) Intelligence section offices, in a new ground-floor building 20 x 10m. South of No. 1 and next to the road, also containing guard room.
- 4) Garage, a ground-floor masonry building South of the church, on the West side of the road, about 35 x 12 m.
- 5) Barrier at the edge of the prohibited zone, where all civilian vehicles are stopped, and only foreign or diplomatic cars are allowed through for checking at the customs office on the state boundary. A two-member guard party is stationed at the barrier and they let the customs office know by telephone the type of car, the registration number and the number of persons in it. so that no one can leave the car between the barrier and the customs office.
- 6) Customs office, a few metres from the frontier, a masonry one-storaged building manned by six men, customs officials and members of the Frontier Guard.

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